

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation (DEC) To Accept Grant Funds, For The Ulster County Municipal Compost Expansion Project, And Amending The 2017 Ulster County Budget – Department Of The Environment

Referred to: The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairman R. Parete and Legislators Bartels, Heppner, Lapp, and Wawro), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Chairman of the Energy and Environment Committee, Legislator Richard A. Parete, and Deputy Chairman Tracey A. Bartels offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of the Environment; and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation released a request for proposals to solicit projects for Climate Smart Communities grant funding through the 2016 Regional Economic Development Council Awards; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (hereinafter “UCRRA”), responded to the request for proposals with a project to expand municipal composting; and

WHEREAS, this project would provide for the expansion and improvement of the compost facility at UCCRA including such items as the purchase and installation of a bagging machine to increase the marketability of finished compost product, purchase and distribution of compost bins for commercial customers, other improvements increasing the capacity of the facility, identification and mapping of food service operations and institutional generators within the UCCRA service area, and establishing a pilot organics recovery program at a County facility; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County was awarded \$261,000.00 in grant funding from the NYS DEC with the match by Ulster County being comprised of previously budgeted staff time of existing County & UCCRA personnel associated with the grant scope of work and equipment purchased by the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency which requires execution of a State Assistance Agreement with NYS DEC; and

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WHEREAS, Ulster County, with subsequent legislative approval, will enter into a sub-recipient contract with UCCRA, detailing the a scope of work to be performed to fulfill the grant agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Contract DEC01-C00385GG) for the purpose of accepting a grant in the amount of \$261,000.00 from the Climate Smart Communities Program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, following execution of the State Assistance Contract, the Coordinator of the Department of the Environment is hereby authorized to submit all necessary grant related documentation and otherwise act for the County regarding this grant funding; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2017 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
AA.8090.3552-3300-3910 (Rev. #)	State Aid – Conservation Programs	\$261,000.00
AA.8090.3552-4500-4505 (App. #)	Professional Services	\$237,000.00
AA.8090.3552-4600- 4660 (App. #)	Other Misc. Contractual	\$ 20,000.00
AA.8090.3552-4000- 4040 (App. #)	Program Supplies	\$ 4,000.00

and move its adoption.

